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PLANT CONFERENCE

REFS: (A) LISBON 41

(B) EHRMAN/LUKENS CONVERSATION 1/20/75

(C) EHRMAN/BRESEE CONVERSATION 1/20/75

1. IN DISCUSSION WITH OFFICIAL OF PORTUGUESE SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH BOARD, EMBOFF REFERRED TO TWO POSSIBLE DIFFICULTIES RAISED BY BOARD'S HEAD (REF A) WHEN IDEA FOR TWO-PART CONFERENCE PROPOSED.

A. COST OF SENDING DELEGATES TO SAN FRANCISCO--EMBOFF STATED THAT SOME FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FROM US TO HELP DEFRAY TRAVEL EXPENSES OF PORTUGUESE DELEGATES PROBABLY WOULD BE FORTHCOMING (REFS B AND C), THOUGH NEITHER AMOUNT NOR SOURCE
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DEFINED AT THIS TIME;

B. POSSIBLE COMPLICATIONS OF HOLDING NATO/CCMS MEETING IN CONNECTION UN SYMPOSIUM--EMBOFF CLARIFIED THAT TWO MEETINGS WOULD NOT BE LINKED DIRECTLY, THAT CCMS MEETING WOULD PROFIT FROM PHYSICAL AVAILABILITY OF DELEGATES TO SYMPOSIUM AND COULD BE HELD JULY 2-4 (AFTER SYMPOSIUM'S END).

2. EMBOFF SUGGESTED THAT CONFERENCE COULD BE SPEEDED ALONG IF PLANNING PROCEEDED ON TWO LEVELS: FORMAL CORRESPONDENCE BETWEEN US AND PORTUGUESE PLANNERS CONFIRMING, AFTER-THE-FACT, UNDERSTANDINGS INFORMALLY ARRIVED AT AS RESULT ORAL CONVERSATIONS AND NON-BINDING "HYPOTHETICAL" COMMITMENTS.

3. RESEARCH BOARD OFFICIAL AGREED ABOVE ARRANGEMENT WOULD BE USEFUL; SUGGESTED GOP MIGHT SEND THREE MEMBER DELEGATION TO SAN FRANCISCO (IF US-PORTUGUESE FUNDING SO PERMITTED) COMPOSED OF DR. SIMOES MENDES, ONE REPRESENTATIVE FROM ENRGY SECTOR AND ONE FROM UNIVERSITY SECTOR.

4. (IN ACCORDANCE REF C) EMBOFF ADVISED THAT DR. BRESEE'S SUGGESTED PERIOD FOR SCHEDULING CONFERENCE'S SECOND PART WAS AUGUST THROUGH OCTOBER 1975. RESEARCH BOARD OFFICIAL STATED AUGUST WOULD BE MUCH BETTER, SINCE MORE PEOPLE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE ON PORTUGUESE SIDE AND INTERFERENCE BY FALL ELECTORAL CAMPAIGN WOULD BE LESS.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: HEAD OF RESEARCH BOARD EXPECTS MEET WITH RESPONSIBLE GOP MINISTER ON FEB. 7, WILL DISCUSS CONFERENCE PROPOSAL AT THAT TIME. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING BY COB FEB. 6 FORMAL PROPOSAL, IF DEPT. NOW IS IN POSITION TO EXTEND IT, FOR US FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE TO HELP FUND TWO OR THREE MAN PORTUGUESE DELEGATION TO SAN FRANCISCO. WOULD SIMILARLY FIND USEFUL SPECIFIC SET OF ALTERNATIVE DATES IN AUGUST TO PASS ON TO PORTUGUESE IN TIME FOR FEB. 7 MEETING. CARLUCCI

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